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## Honduras

# Disneyworld, dengue help build churches

By Tim Nicholas

Bobby Thornton, a brick mason and member of Sunrise Church, Leake County, had had no work for about four weeks before he went to Honduras. "I knew I'd be slack. I just said I was going" says Thornton, a member of a crew of 15 church builders from Leake County who traveled to San Pedro Sula, Honduras, recently to add a second story onto Second Baptist Church there. His church paid his way.

The group was the second from Mississippi in two weeks to help in adding the second floor educational space. The earlier group had been from the Hattiesburg-Laurel area.

The church has a national pastor, Rafael Flores, who has been there 20 years—since the church was built. This is the first addition in that time.

The addition is part of a plan by missionaries and national Baptists to attempt to keep up with the enormous influx of people into the northern Honduras city of 450,000. The population is outstripping its ability to assimilate so many new people. Missionary Tom Canady, urban evangelist from North Carolina, responsible for church growth programs in San Pedro Sula (SPS), says the statistics indicate that 8,000 new families are moving into SPS each year. In 1950, the population was only 50,000.

People are moving from the rural areas in search of jobs which do not exist. It is in these crisis times that people are most ready to seek God. And the churches are being built to minister to the needs.

In many of the new communities

springing up around SPS, Baptists have obtained property for building churches which tend to thrive. Canady explains how some of the property came into Baptist hands.

Canady needed a cement mixer for a project and discovered that the man he asked had a child in the same school at Canady's. The man introduced Canady to another man who donated land for a church in Satellite City, a new development of 2,500 homes. Later, the development engineer met a man in a line at Disneyworld in Florida who, in conversation, introduced himself. The engineer asked if the man was a Southern Baptist and found that he was in one of several crews of volunteers who had gone to Honduras to spray to kill a mosquito that was causing dengue fever, a flu-like malady that was killing Honduras. Mississippi Baptists were the first to participate in the spraying. Word of that chance meeting spread to other planners.

As the tentacles of friendship entangled Southern Baptists and the people who own and build in SPS, church land became available.

Canady went by to say thank you to the developer who gave the land at Satellite City. "You're going to build a church and don't have a congregation?" the man asked. Canady told him that, being the first church in the community, "if we can't succeed, we ought to pack up and go home." A recent Vacation Bible School there drew 300 kids.

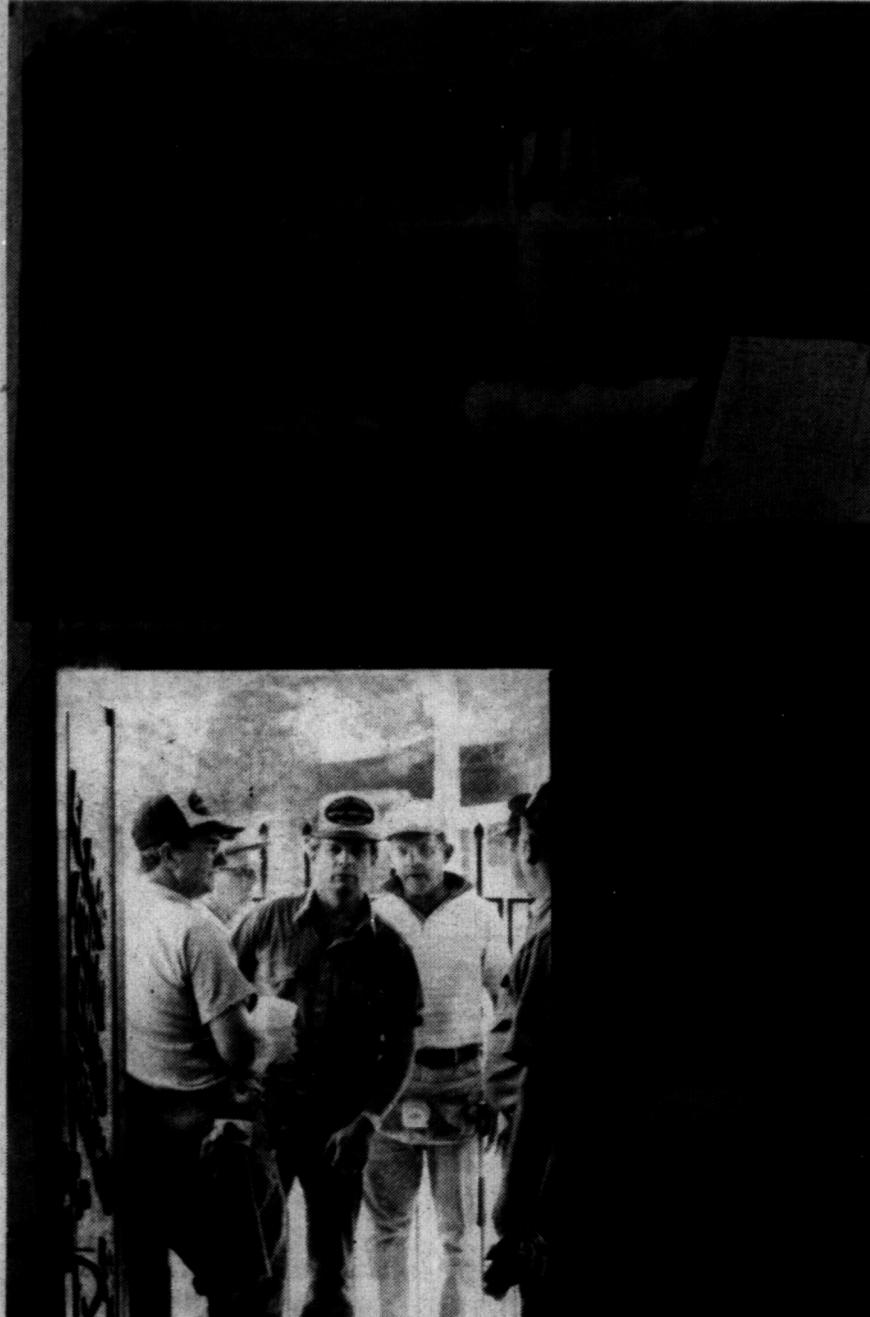
In that conversation, Canady asked about the possibility of acquiring land in another development, Planet City. The developer was having supper that very evening with the Planet City planner.

From the conversation, "we met 50 times in 11 months," says Canady. "The result is a church building and complete donating of \$16,000 worth of land." That church is running 130 in Sunday School and plans to organize in June.

Last year, Mississippi groups helped build at Satellite City and at another project, El Carmen, where a brother to the developer sold land to the Baptists.

"It's amazing how the Lord can use things," says Canady. Mix a need for a cement mixer, dengue, Disneyland, "put it all together in a hopper with Romans 8:28. The result was the opening up of unlimited doors for getting land and new work which continues to open."

(Feature on a Mississippi volunteer on page 6.)



To left, Leake County volunteers stand outside the door of Second Baptist Church in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, during a week of adding a second story to the church building. Above left, father and two sons worked as brick masons in Honduras. Pictured are Joe Wilkinson of Carmel Church,

Lauderdale; David Wilkinson, pastor at Rocky Point; and V. G. Wilkinson, age 73, who still runs brick masonry work. Above right, Jeff Rhinewalt of Lena Church, works a circular saw. At left, Bob O'Neal, pastor at Lena Church, works among the cross timbers supporting the second story. Below left,



# Editorials..... by don mcgregor

## Exceptionally large offering

Christian Home Week begins May 4 and goes through May 11. It is culminated with Mother's Day, and the week is sponsored by the Church Training Department, the Sunday School Department, and the Christian Action Commission.

With the way things are developing among Southern Baptists at this time, a Christian home is an asset for which there is absolutely no measurement. The reason for such a statement as this is that almost all of our evangelism fruits come from Christian homes. We don't do well as a denomination in winning the adult lost. In fact, we are fighting a losing battle, if we're fighting at all.

We have grown to be so large as a denomination, however, that we can have fairly respectable baptism statistics simply because we are baptizing our children. Therefore the Christian home is an invaluable asset — not in order for us to have reasonably good baptismal statistics but to function as an avenue through which a sizeable segment of people within our sphere of influence may find their way to salvation.

So this is a salute to the Christian home. We cannot put a price tag on it. We cannot begin to determine what it is worth to the cause of Christ and to the world. We do know that without Christian homes we would not have a base for what we are trying to do in witnessing to the world and in nurturing those who have been won, most of whom are the products of Christian homes.

This discussion of the Christian home brings us to an additional con-

cept that needs to be placed before Mississippi Baptists. Christian Home Week, as was noted in the first paragraph, ends on Mother's Day. More will be said about Mother's Day later, but at this time we need to give consideration to the annual Mother's Day offering for the Mississippi Baptist Children's Village. This is one of the authorized offerings for the Children's Village, and it is vital for the survival of the village. In effect, the Village lives from offering to offering. Mississippi Baptists contribute to its well being through the Cooperative Program; but this amount, \$341,000 this year, is not enough to take care of the many needs that are developed in seeking to care for dependent children. So if we are continue to care for them, a great deal more money needs to come in from some other source. The Village has depended for years on this Mother's Day offering to keep the ministry going for about six months. Another offering is taken at Christmas.

A couple of years ago in the fall the

Children's Village found it necessary to borrow money to be able to make it until the Christmas offering. That means that the Mother's Day offering had not been adequate.

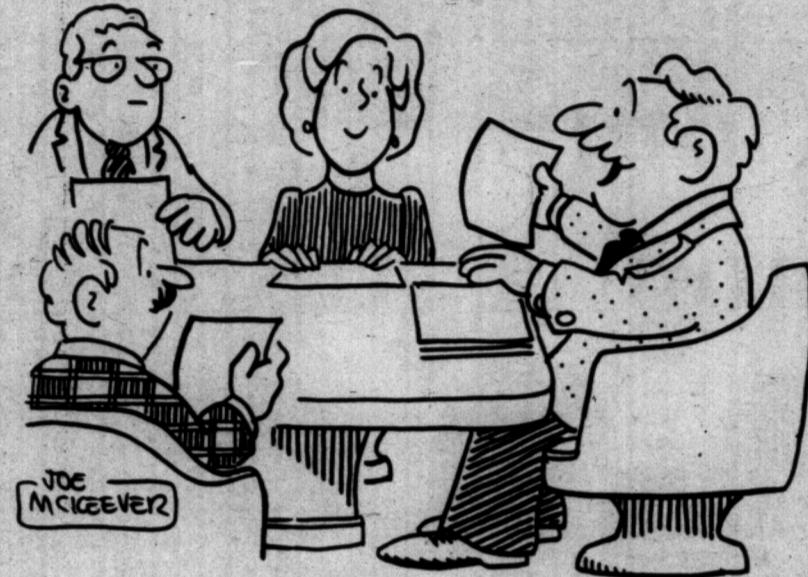
We should not let this condition come about again. Let us pay attention to Christian Home Week and realize all that the Christian Home means to each of us personally and to the work of the Kingdom generally. Let us pay our respects to our mothers on Mother's Day as we honor them for all of the many positive influences they have brought to bear on what we try to do personally and generally.

Let us not forget, however, those whose Christian home is provided by Mississippi Baptists at the Children's Village. It is a very effective Christian Home and one each of us can be proud of. But it needs our help. It needs our help every year at this time. This year is no exception as far as the needs go. This year should be an exception in that the Mother's Day offering for the Children's Village will be exceptionally large.

## Haywood N. Stubble

"MY EXPERIENCE AS A BUS CAPTAIN FOR MY CHURCH GIVES ME A GOOD BACKGROUND TO BE A CONVENTION OFFICER — HERE IS MY BUS ROUTE FOR BRINGING IN MESSENGERS FOR THE S.B.C. IN ATLANTA!"

### POLITICAL CAUCUS



## Guest opinion . . .

## Stop killing auditorium sounds

By Dan C. Hall

In every section of the state, church auditoriums continue to be built and/or renovated. They are beautiful and aesthetically worshipful.

However, many, and perhaps most, of these auditoriums are acoustically too "dead" for good singing. The result is lifeless and/or "soundless" singing. When, because of "dead" acoustics, a person in the pew hears only himself/herself sing, often that person ceases to sing at all. It is better to keep the auditorium sound "live," thus reducing the need for excessive sound reinforcement — particularly in the congregational area.

The church auditorium should be the one place of the entire church facility which is designed for sound . . . for praising, for singing, for speaking.

What are the culprits? What things are killing the sound?

\*\* Carpets — often more carpet is used than needed, even under the pews, piano, and in the choir area. Worse still, thick, absorbent carpet is sometimes used.

\*\* Acoustical ceilings — ceiling materials which absorb sound rather than reflect sound.

\*\* Padded cushions.

\*\* Drapes over windows and baptistry.

\*\* Clothes people wear (We can't do much about this.)

In their zeal for a beautiful auditorium, many building designers have rendered ineffective the use for which it is intended. Therefore, expensive sound systems must be installed. Usually, only the choir/pulpit areas

are miked, not the congregational area, where sound reinforcement is also needed.

Even with sound "killers," there are ways to compensate, at least, partially. For example, an auditorium with wall-to-wall carpet should have a ceiling which reflects sound. The walls back of the choir area and floor serve as a sounding board and should have a "hard" finish which reflect sound. Carpet should never be placed under the piano since the floor also serves as a sounding board for this instrument.

When it comes to singing, many of us recall and yearn for those rural church auditoriums which are made of plank floors, plank walls, plank ceilings, plank pews, and a dozen coats of white enamel paint which have been applied over many years. But what wonderful acoustics! What wonderful singing! Seldom today do we find a church auditorium that is too "live" acoustically. Most are entirely too "dead," and remind one of the quiet of a funeral parlor.

Our plea is for building planning committees and architects to heed

carefully the design and materials used for church auditoriums. When a mistake is made, usually the congregation and the church leaders, including the musicians, have to live with it for 25 to 50 years. Please, please keep the auditorium sound alive. Remember live congregational singing encourages fellowship, worship, financial giving, and persons walking the aisle for Christ. Don't kill the sound.

Dan Hall is director of the Church Music Department for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

## Computer study finds signs of divine hand in scripture

TEL AVIV, Israel (EP) — Scientists who are using computer analysis to study the Bible say their evidence indicates that Scripture was written by one hand, rather than by many authors, and could not have been written by a mortal, according to a report by Bridges for Peace.

Biblical scholar Moshe Katz and computer expert Menachem Wiener of Technion Israel's Institute of Technology, have used a letter-skipping method to "decode" the Old Testament and other Holy writings. Their research is based on the hypothesis that significant words are concealed in the Hebrew text of the Pentateuch (first five books of the Old

Testament), spelled by letters separated at fixed intervals, a system alluded to in Rabbinic literature.

Using this approach, Katz and Wiener found words and concepts hidden in patterns of letters. The statistical probability of these patterns appearing at set intervals by chance is estimated at one in three million.

Katz said the Hebrew word "Tora" (Bible) appears in the Book of Genesis every 50 characters, and the word "Elohim" (God) appears every 26 letters in Genesis. Katz adds that the numbers 50 and 26 carry special significance in Jewish tradition.

Wiener explained that the presence

of words at fixed intervals is not remarkable in itself. "That can be done by applying the method to a telephone directory," he explained. Wiener said the remarkable finding was that in every instance of a phrase being hidden through letter-skipping, the word or phrase related directly to the passage of Scripture in which it occurred.

For instance, though the burial places of Adam and Eve is never mentioned in Scripture, by letter-skipping the names "Adam" and "Eve" appear in the text where the burial place of Abraham and Sarah (the Patriarch's tomb) is mentioned.

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## Pollard to headline Brotherhood breakfast

Frank Pollard, pastor of First Church, Jackson, will be the keynote speaker at the annual Brotherhood breakfast during the Southern Baptist Convention.

The former president of Golden Gate Seminary addresses the 7 a.m. breakfast on Wednesday, June 11, in the Omni International Hotel, adja-

cent to the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta.

Presenting testimonies will be Truett Cathy, the Georgia Baptist layman who founded Chick-Fil-A restaurants, and William Pinson, executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Also featured will be the National

Jerry Clower Award winner of the 1986 Royal Ambassador Mission Speak Out contest. The breakfast will be moderated by James H. Smith, president of the Brotherhood Commission.

Tickets for the breakfast are available in advance for \$7.50 each and may be ordered from the Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tenn. 38104.



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## Committee on Boards nominations released

By Dan Martin

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — "We have worked diligently to find the best people we could find," said Lee Roberts Sr. as he released the 1986 report of the Southern Baptist Convention Committee on Boards, Commissions and Standing Committees.

Roberts, an Atlanta mortgage banker, was chairman of the 54-member committee, charged with the responsibility of nominating trustees to serve on the 24 national entities of the 14.4-million-member denomination.

The 1986 committee acted on 244 positions, of which 112 are held by persons eligible for renomination, 118 require new nominees, three will not be replaced and 11 will be filled when the committee's subcommittee meets in

Atlanta prior to the annual meeting.

Currently, 949 persons are on the boards of 24 SBC entities. Under the SBC system of rotating boards, about 25 percent of the positions become vacant each year, about half of which are eligible for a second term.

The 1986 report (See page 4) includes 13 nominees from West Virginia, which recently surpassed the 25,000 members required for representation on SBC boards and agencies. Before the West Virginia members can serve, however, messengers to the 1986 annual meeting must accept the recommendation of the SBC Executive Committee that they be seated.

Under recently-adopted revisions in the SBC bylaws, the report of the

Committee on Boards must be released through the denomination's news service, Baptist Press, at least 45 days in advance of the annual meeting, scheduled June 10-12 in Atlanta.

Roberts, who said he became actively involved in SBC affairs about a year ago, was elected to chair the committee at the February meeting of the Executive Committee after Tom Elliff, who had been elected at the 1985 annual meeting of the SBC, resigned from a Colorado pastorate to move to Oklahoma, thus becoming ineligible to serve.

Roberts said the committee, as its last order of business, adopted a statement intended to "express to the SBC at large that we were unified in our

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sion Board summer missionary in Canada.

Jana Hemphill, most recently employed as a secretary at Mississippi State University, has been assigned as a secondary business teacher in Monrovia, Liberia. Her address is Rt. 4, Box 50-D, Louisville, Miss. 39339. A graduate of University of Mississippi, she has served as a Home Mission

Board summer missionary in New York; a staff worker at Gulfshore Assembly; and a staff worker at Camp Garaywa. Her home church is Murphy Creek, Louisville. Born in Greenwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Hemphill, she considers Louisville her hometown.

Jon Casimir (Rt. 1, Box 110C, Prague Okla. 74804), was born in Meridian, Miss., but considers Wichita, Kan., his hometown. He has been assigned as a student worker at the University of Nairobi, Kenya. He expects to be graduated this year from Kansas State University of Agriculture and Applied Science, Manhattan. His church is College Heights, Manhattan. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Talbert of Prague.

## Mississippians preach revivals in California

Twenty Mississippi Baptist preachers participated in the Good News America Revival Crusade in California, April 20-25.

At the invitation of Earl Crawford, Director of Missions for Calvary-Arrowhead Baptist Association in Riverside, Calif., Levon Moore and Ray Grissett enlisted the preachers to serve as evangelists in 20 of that

association's 100 churches and missions.

Shown with Grissett and Moore are 16 of the men just before their departure from the Jackson airport. The other four, not shown, took other flights.

Pictured, left to right, front row, are Ray Grissett, associational consul-

tant, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson; Tommy Middleton, Halbert Heights Church, Brookhaven; Floyd Higginbotham, Pleasant Hill Church, Bogue Chitto; Tom Rayburn, Second Avenue Church, Laurel; Jim Haynes, Emmanuel Church, Ocean Springs; Stanley Barnett, First Church, Pearl; Jackie Hamilton, Highland Church, Meridian; Odean

Puckett, First Church, Natchez; Rex Yancey, First Church, Quitman; Levon Moore, retired director of missions/pastor, Kosciusko; Back Row, Wayne Kjmbrough, Mt Zion Church, Brookhaven; Gerald Buckley, Petal-Harvey Church, Petal; David Satterwhite, director of missions, Carthage; James Bryant, First Church, Taylorsville; Frank Harmon, First Church, Newton; Bobby Smith, New Hope Church, Foxworth; Gerry Courtney, Valley Park Church, Valley Park; and Reece Kyzar, First Church, Rolling Fork.

Others taking part in the crusade, but not shown here, are Glen Williams, director of missions, McComb; Bill McKay, First Church, Belzoni; Bill Reed, Laymoine Church, Biloxi; and Joe Able, Trinity Church, Biloxi.

Arranged by Bryan Tours, the flight carried the men to Ontario, Calif., where they were met by Crawford and their host pastors.

The area covered by Calvary-Arrowhead Association reports a population of over two million people, with approximately 90 percent of these unchurched. "This large association, just east of Los Angeles, is one of the greatest mission challenges in the nation," Levon Moore pointed out.

## Backyard VBS: evangelism taken to 'grass roots'

Mississippi Baptists are the only group among Southern Baptists to be taking the idea of simultaneous evangelism emphases to their very "grass" roots. This is the grass in a neighbor's back yard.

This summer, specifically July 14-26, churches are being invited to participate in simultaneous Backyard Bible Clubs and Mission Bible Schools. These programs take the gospel message to children in garages, carports, storefronts, and under the shade of a tree.

Says Billy Hudgens, consultant in the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, "This is an excellent way to find prospects." He says that parents who won't allow their children to go to a church, will often allow attendance at a Bible club in a neighbor's backyard.

Hudgens says that the goal is that by 1990 for each church in the state to hold each year at least one Backyard Bible Club and for each association to have at least one Mission Vacation Bible School.

Materials for these programs are  
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# Executive Committee, boards nominated

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Nominees for the Executive Committee and the four boards — Foreign Mission, Home Mission, Sunday School, and Annuity — of the Southern Baptist Convention have been released by the SBC Committee on Boards, Commissions and Standing Committees.

Nominees are clergy or denominational related, unless specified.

\*Executive Committee\* (70 members): 20 nominations considered; 10 new members, including a new representative from West Virginia, 10 renominations.

New member from West Virginia is Mrs. Jan Lyons, a housewife and member of Westmoreland Church, Huntington. Her term will end in 1989.

New members replacing members ineligible for reappointment include William F. Harrell, pastor of Abilene Church, Evans, Ga., replacing James P. Westberry of Atlanta; David E. Hankins, pastor of Trinity Church, Lake Charles, La., replacing Ernest L. Walker of Lake Charles; Donald Glen Whitt, pastor of First Church, Milan, Tenn., replacing Richard D. Patton of Portland; Gordon C. Graham, pastor of First Church, New Braunfels, Texas, replacing Malcolm O. Bane Jr. of College Station, and Scott C. Humphrey, a real estate broker and member of First Church, Alexandria, Va., replacing James E. Rayhorn Sr. of Richmond.

A nominee to replace Elvin Hall of Pinecastle, Fla., will be named by the Committee on Boards subcommittee when it meets in Atlanta prior to the annual meeting.

Nominated to terms to expire in 1988 are David T. Gray, an attorney and member of Stithton Church, Radcliff, Ky., replacing John R. McCall of Louisville, who resigned; Terry L. Davis, pastor of Ocean City Church, Ocean City, Md., replacing Malcolm A. Jones of Baltimore, who moved, and Julian Motley, pastor of Gorman Church, Durham, N.C., replacing John T. Bunn of Silva, who resigned.

Renominated to second four-year terms are Darrell W. Robinson of Mobile, Ala.; William D. Powell III, of Birmingham, Ala.; Thomas A. Hinson of West Memphis, Ark.; James M. Morton Jr. of Livermore, Calif.; Mrs. J. Robert Eubanks of Atlanta, Ga.:

Alan E. Sears of Louisville, Ky.; Ingram L. Foster Jr. of Prentiss, Miss.; Mrs. Sanford Smith of Greensboro, N.C.; Ira Q. Craft of Columbia, S.C., and Edward J. Drake of Dallas.

\*Foreign Mission Board\* (85 members): 24 nominations considered; 9 new members, including a new representative from West Virginia, 15 renominations.

New member from West Virginia is Lester Leonard Hall, pastor of Memorial Church, Beckley. His term will expire in 1988.

New members replacing persons ineligible for reappointment include Jack Bledsoe, pastor of First Church, Des Arc, Ark., replacing Mrs. Jewell V. Moore Jr. of Hope; Ron E. Wilson, pastor of First Church, Thousand Oaks, Calif., replacing Mrs. Wilma G. Eurich of San Diego; John P. Greene, owner of an office equipment company and member of First Church, Lake Worth, Fla., replacing Mrs. James A. Ponder of Jacksonville; A. Ben Hatfield, pastor of First Church, Alpharetta, Ga., replacing J. Hoffman Harris of Tucker; Charles A. Fink, president of a petroleum marketing company and member of Emmanuel Church, Farmington, N.M., replacing James A. McKinnon of Albuquerque, and David C. Walker, pastor of First Church, San Antonio, Texas, replacing H. F. Scott of Lubbock.

Nominated to a term to expire in 1987 is John Jackson, pastor of Crescent Southern Church of Anaheim, replacing Mrs. Jim L. Harven of San Bernadino, who moved.

Names to a term to expire in 1988 is Wendell Estep, pastor of Council Road Church, Bethany, Okla., replacing Jerry Don Abernathy of Del City, who moved.

Renominated to second terms are Hollis Rice of Florence, Ala.; Frank A. Norman Jr. of West Point, Ga.; Bill Hall of Danville, Ky.; Larry Wells Kennedy of Laurel, Miss.; C. Mark Corts of Winston-Salem, N.C.;

Virgil D. Barnett of Parma, Ohio; Paul Box Moore, Okla.; Mrs. Gilbert D. Waters of Camden, S.C.; Fred A. Steelman of Chattanooga, Tenn.; Hal Browning Boone of Friendswood, Texas; Kenny Lynn Lewis of Brownsville, Texas, and Mrs. Milton Cunningham of Houston, Texas.

Local members reappointed to second terms include Noralee M. Stephenson, Robert F. Cochran

and Mrs. Lee Pickens Bryan, all of Richmond, Va. \*Home Mission Board\* (85 members): 24 nominations considered; 7 new members, including a new representative from West Virginia, 17 renominations.

New member from West Virginia is D. Wade Armstrong, pastor of First Church, Ceredo. His term will expire in 1988.

New members replacing members ineligible for reappointment include Jack Norman Graham, pastor of First Church, West Palm Beach, Fla., replacing Emit O. Ray of Miami; Ronald L. Burdon, pastor of First Church, Jeffersontown, Ky., replacing T. L. McSwain of Louisville;

Jerry N. Barlow, pastor of First Church, Franklinton, La., replacing Perry R. Sanders of Lafayette; Liston L. Morris, secretary-treasurer of a gasoline distribution firm and member of First Church, Columbia, Miss., replacing Mrs. Kimble C. Sutherland of Jackson; and Mrs. Jerry (Elwyn) Walker, a homemaker and member of First Church, Lubbock, Texas, replacing Marvin C. Griffin of Austin.

Nominated to a term to expire in 1987 is Louie W. Odom, a retired infantry officer and member of Crossgates Church, Brandon, Miss., replacing Ernest L. Walker of Lake Charles; Donald Glen Whitt, pastor of First Church, Milan, Tenn., replacing Richard D. Patton of Portland; Gordon C. Graham, pastor of First Church, New Braunfels, Texas, replacing Malcolm O. Bane Jr. of College Station, and Scott C. Humphrey, a real estate broker and member of First Church, Alexandria, Va., replacing James E. Rayhorn Sr. of Richmond.

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New member from West Virginia will be Mrs. Sherion Babb, a homemaker and member of Westmoreland Church, Huntington. Her term will expire in 1987.

New members replacing persons ineligible for renomination include Cecil E. Weller, a retired Boy Scout official and member of Grand Avenue Church, Fort Smith, Ark., replacing Don Fuller of Brinkley; Bobby H. Welch, pastor of First Church, Daytona Beach, Fla., replacing James A. Fortenberry of Jacksonville; Rick A. Forrester, pastor of First Church, Lilburn, Ga., replacing J. Parnick Jennings Sr. of Rome;

J. Gerald Harris, pastor of Colonial Heights Church, Jackson, Miss., replacing Tom O. Winstead of Jackson; Glen Stern, pastor of Highland Church of Grove City, Ohio, replacing J. J. Crumpler of Mt. Carmel, and Daniel A. Collins, an attorney and member of First Church, Taylors, S.C., replacing Lewis Abbot of Lexington.

A nominee to replace T. D. Hall of Euless, Texas, will be named by the Committee on Boards subcommittee when it meets in Atlanta prior to the annual meeting. Also be named in Atlanta will be a nominee to fill the unexpired term — to expire in 1988 — of Samuel H. Letson Jr. of Norcross, Ga., who moved.

Nominated to a term to expire in 1989 is Jerry W. Brown, pastor of Vallecito Church, Bayfield, Colo., replacing Jeff McBeth of Colorado Springs, who moved.

Renominated to second terms are Travis J. Tindal of Birmingham, Ala.; Nolan Kennedy of

## N.O. Seminary budget climbs

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — Trustees of New Orleans Seminary here recently adopted a \$6.2 million budget for the fiscal year beginning Aug. 1.

The new budget reflects a 3.62 percent increase over the current budget. It includes 4 percent salary increases for faculty members and permanent staff employees.

Increases in various fees and rental charges were approved. Included was a \$25 hike in the matriculation

fees for all degree programs, which has been adopted by all six Southern Baptist seminaries.

Also during the annual board meeting, trustees approved a total cost of \$2.57 million for renovation of the first floor of the student center building.

Ten new members were elected to the seminary's Foundation Board, including Joe C. Hillman Jr. of Brookhaven, Miss.

## Alta Woods will feature "Bifocals and Bubblegum"

"Bifocals and Bubblegum" is a musical feature of an Alta Woods, Jackson, church event that concentrates on relationships between the primary users of bifocals and bubblegum.

The musical "Side by Side" will be performed May 4, at 6 p.m. in the church sanctuary by members of the Young Musicians Choir (grades 4-6) and the Prime Time Singers (ages 55-86).

Other songs such as "Don't Call The Preacher, I Ain't Gone Yet," center on

the theme of communication and Christian love that serve as a bond among people of all ages. Phone calls during the week, flowers, and various "happies" exchanged among participants testify to the growth of new relationships.

The musical was written by Sheldon Curry and Doris J. Simpson. The performance is being directed by Mrs. Terry Hodges and Mrs. Connie Kossen, directors of the Young Musicians Choir and Prime Time Singers, respectively.

## Sales are \$2.8 million in first HMB church bond issue

ATLANTA (BP) — The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's church loans division completed the sale of its first church bond issue, selling bonds totalling \$2,850,000 in the "Series A" bond issue which ended March 31.

Funds from the sale of bonds are being used to make direct loans to Southern Baptist churches for building construction and site purchase as a part of the SBC's Bold Mission Thrust emphasis, said Robert H. Kilgore, director of the board's church loans division.

The bond issue, the first of its kind offered by the Home Mission Board, has enabled the board to go to the general public to borrow money on church bond investments which in turn can be loaned to churches, Kilgore explained. In the past, the board has to get funds for church loans from insurance companies and commercial lending institutions.

The Home Mission Board has been given permission by the Southern Baptist Convention and its Executive Committee to borrow on the open market up to two times the net worth

of its unrestricted church loans funds. In round figures, that is about \$82 million, since the unrestricted church loan fund is currently about \$41 million, Kilgore explained.

He estimated the additional \$82 million available to churches could double or triple the number of loans the HMB will be able to make during the next five years and could help finance loans to as many as 1,000 churches.

In the past 20 years, the HMB church loans division has approved 3,178 loans totaling \$186.8 million, Kilgore said. About two-thirds of the loans have been for construction and one-third for church sites.

He estimated the new bond issue could enable the board to make loans for new sites or for construction to about 50 to 75 churches.

The Home Mission Board is working with the Citizens and Southern National Bank in Atlanta as trustee and paying agent and with Citizens and Southern Securities Corp. as broker dealer for the bond issue.

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# Committee on Boards nominations released

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support of our nominees." Only one dissenting vote was registered.

Roberts said the committee adopted guidelines under which the session Thursday, March 13, was "a work session only and that all suggested nominations . . . will not become final nominations until a resolution is approved by the majority of the members on Friday, March 14."

The chairman said the guidelines were presented because "I was afraid we would bog down and I wanted to keep on working Thursday night. That way, if we had balance problems or some states had questions about the nominees or wanted to challenge someone, we could take care of that Friday without getting bogged down and not finishing our work on time."

He said "about 98 percent of the work (making the nominations) was done on Thursday." He added there were some challenges to some of the proposed nominees on the following morning.

"There were a couple of people challenged who we understood were supporters of abortion, and there were discussion of inerrancy on another candidate. Another man was challenged because someone heard he kept a bottle of whiskey in his study, and there was some discussion on where someone stood on the ordination of women," Roberts said.

Roberts told Baptist Press "being an inerrantist was not a prerequisite for nomination. I believe several were nominated who are not inerrantists. The roll call did not deal with whether the nominees were inerrantists or pro-life; only with whether we were

unified and unanimous.

The resolution says: "The members . . . do hereby agree, each and everyone of us, that: We have sought the direction of the Holy Spirit in all that we do . . . have pledged ourselves to be unified in all that we do . . . have pledged ourselves to work for harmony and unity in all that we do . . ."

It adds, "We have approved all of the actions of the committee and now unequivocally make final the nominations that have been approved by a majority of the members . . ."

It also says, "We have pledged ourselves, each and everyone of us, to mutually support one another in each and every one of our final nominations as approved by a majority of the committee . . . (and) . . . urge the messengers to the 1986 convention to harmoniously and in unity support each and every final nomination made by the committee and its subcommittee."

Another motion adopted by the committee concerned the Cooperative Program.

The motion stated: "We, the Committee on Boards, recognizing the diversity of our geographical backgrounds also recognize that churches in pioneer areas are a lot different in comparison to older established churches; further, we recognize that there is a difference between struggling inner city and transitional churches in areas where local missions work is important from suburban churches in dynamic growing areas; further, we recognize that our churches in low income areas cannot be compared with churches in affluent manufacturing and industrial areas."

"Therefore, we believe that the chief criteria for selecting nominees should not be the percentage of Cooperative Program giving by a nominee's church. We do, however, affirm that every church ought to support the Cooperative Program in a way commensurate with their ability."

Roberts said Cooperative Program giving "came up and we felt Cooperative Program giving should not be the basis for determining whether a nominee should serve. We did not want that to be a factor used to keep people from serving; we felt that was grossly unfair. In the motion we are trying to tell the messengers if they have a reason to challenge (a nominee) it should not be because of the CP giving of that person's church."

He noted there are churches in transitional areas or in places where the energy or farm crises prevent giving, and that he does not believe they should be prohibited from serving because "their percentage of giving is not as large as that of the megachurches."

In releasing the report, Roberts said he hopes the report will be "peaceful . . . and unchallenged (at the convention). If, however, this should not be the case and if challenges are to be made I sincerely request that as a courtesy to the SBC at large that any such challenges be presented to me in writing prior to the convention.

He added, "Should I not hear from anyone regarding this, I will only be able to assume that all of our nominees are acceptable and that none of them will have to endure needless challenges or embarrassment."

Dan Martin is BP news editor.

## Southside, Meridian, will host Small Church SS Conference

Southside Church, Meridian, will host a Small Church Sunday School Conference Saturday, May 17, 9 a.m.

to 3 p.m. The conference is designed for pastors and directors of Sunday Schools with enrollment of 150 and under.

The conference is an introduction to basic Sunday School leadership principles for application in smaller churches. The objective will be to inform pastors and directors in smaller churches on how to use the Sunday School to reach and teach people.

Daryl Heath, Small Sunday School Consultant, Baptist Sunday School Board, will conduct the conference. Heath will give each participant a complimentary copy of *A Guide to Standard Sunday School Work*.

All pastors and directors of small Sunday Schools are invited to attend. However, the target area is composed of the following associations: Clarke, Jasper, Kemper, Lauderdale, Neshoba, Newton, Noxubee, Scott, and Wayne.



Heath

A complimentary noon meal will be furnished by the Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Department. All pastors and directors in the associations of the target area will receive a letter containing a reply card to be returned for meal reservations. However, adequate provision has been made for those who may attend from outside the association target area.

## Evangelism taken to "grass roots"

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written to introduce boys and girls to the Bible, to Jesus, and to the church. For the first time this year, materials for Backyard Bible Clubs are available for preschoolers.

Associational training schools have been held and most associations have already held training sessions for churches. Materials are available from the Baptist Book Store. For details on training, contact Hudgens at Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, phone 968-3800.



Carl W. Evans

# Volunteer 'truly regretted' retiring

By Tim Nicholas

"Before I got into this mission stuff I truly regretted that I retired," says master electrician Carl W. Evans of Petal.

As he speaks these words, Evans is taking a short break from wiring the second floor of Second Baptist Church in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. It's his fourth week there and as his visa expires, he won't be renewing it. That's only because he's expected in Houston, Tex., to help home missionary Mildred McWhorter, with whom he's been

working three out of four weeks a month since 1980."

Evans, 70, has been a Mission Service Corps volunteer since 1978 when he retired. That January he retired from a mining company, "it was one of the coldest winters you'd ever seen," he says. He was saved from the winter when "a fellow called and asked me to wire a church in California." That 22,000 square foot church took about a year.

Joe Strahan, pastor of First Church, Beaumont, suggested

Evans sign up with Mission Service Corps and he's been away from home, usually with his wife, nine months out of each year.

He was about 52 when he accepted the Lord as Savior. "My wife volunteered my services to help a church add on in Pine Grove, Calif.," he says. "They kept praying for me. I saw I was missing a lot."

At his home church, Crestview in Petal, "they're real supportive," he says. Though he pays his own way,

usually the church helps out, he says.

Evans doesn't have a great deal of time for the interview. The concrete people will be there in an hour or so. "If I don't get this stuff capped out, they can't pour," he explains.

It's his second visit to Honduras working with urban evangelist Tom Canady. Besides California, he's built churches in New Mexico, Chile, and Argentina. And he hasn't regretted a minute of it.

## Blue Mountain graduation exercises to be May 4

The 113th commencement exercises will be held at Blue Mountain College on Sunday, May 4. Baccalaureate service will begin at 11 a.m. in the Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium.

James R. Futral, pastor of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, will deliver the baccalaureate address. Futral is a graduate of Blue Mountain College and New Orleans Seminary. He has served churches in Mississippi and Texas.

The commencement program will begin at 3 p.m. in the same auditorium. Sixty-six candidates for degrees from four states will receive diplomas. The featured speaker for the commencement program will be Henry E. Turlington, visiting professor of New Testament at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Turlington is a graduate of the University of Florida, Southern Seminary, and Princeton Theological Seminary. He has served as a missionary pastor of Tehran, Iran, and at the International Baptist Church, Camp John Hay, Baguio, Philippines. He has also served as pastor in Ken-

tucky, Florida, and North Carolina. He taught in the Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary, 1980-1985.

A reception honoring the graduates, family, and friends will follow the commencement exercises at the Pascal Student Center.



Futral

Turlington

The first step, my son, which one makes in the world, is the one on which depends the rest of our days. — Voltaire

If anything is sacred the human body is sacred. — Walt Whitman

## Association officers invited to meeting at Alta Woods

The annual Associational Officer Interpretation meeting is set for May 20 at Alta Woods Church, Jackson. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and dismiss at 3 p.m.

Purpose of the meeting is to interpret suggested 1986-87 church and associational programs and to equip associational leaders to plan a program of associational work, and to equip these persons to conduct an interpretation meeting for church councils.

The following persons are invited from each association: directors of missions; moderators; associational directors of Sunday School, Church Training, Church Music, WMU, Brotherhood, missions development, stewardship, evangelism, pastoral ministries, media library, and family ministries; and Christian Action chairmen.

Separate conferences will be provided for each of the positions. Since the training will be dealing with the 1986-87 church associational programs, those persons who attend should be the ones serving next year.

Special recognition will be given to the associational teams which are 100 percent in attendance.

For further information, contact Chester Vaughn, program director at the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

## Homecomings

**First, Louise:** May 4; fellowship and registration, 10 a.m.; morning worship, 11 a.m.; Dan Mobley, former pastor, message; dinner on the grounds to follow and singing in the afternoon.

**Goss, Columbia:** May 4; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship service, 11 a.m.; dinner at the church; afternoon service, 1:15 p.m.; Jerry Mixon, First, Winona, speaker; Matt Buckles, pastor.

**Branch (Scott):** May 4; 10-12 a.m.; dinner on the grounds immediately following; T. W. Henderson, guest speaker; Gayden Harrell, pastor.



Ward

Turner

## BTN training conferences to be offered

BTN (Baptist Telecommunications Network) is a training and information system brought via satellite from the Baptist Sunday School Board to churches and associations which subscribe.

Training is offered over BTN in all church program areas including Sunday School, Church Training, missions, deacon work, media library, and family ministry.

Today, a total of 384 churches in Mississippi have access to BTN programming either through church or associational subscriptions.

To aid these churches and associations — and others interested in becoming involved in such a ministry — a series of conferences will be held in four Mississippi cities: Tupelo, Columbus, Meridian, and Biloxi.

These conferences will teach church and associational staff, church-media library workers and other interested persons in how to use and administer BTN.

The Tupelo meeting will be May 5 at Harrisburg Church; Columbus, May 6 at First Church; Meridian, May 19 at 15th Avenue Church; and Biloxi, May 22 at First Church. Each will meet 7-8:30 p.m.

Conference leaders for the first two will be Chip Turner, director of media services for the Louisiana Baptist Convention, and Farrell Blakenship, who directs broadcast services for Mississippi Baptists. For the second two sessions, Blakenship will be joined by Wayne Ward, minister of education at First Church, Columbia. His church was one of the first in the state to begin using BTN.

All four conferences will aid in organizing for BTN, scheduling and securing BTN programs, processing and cataloging, maintaining tapes and equipment, and training users of BTN equipment.

Few men have virtue to withstand the highest bidder. — Washington

## Statewide VBS conference will be held in Jackson

A state-wide Vacation Bible School Conference will be held on Saturday, May 10, beginning at 9 a.m. This conference will be conducted by the Mississippi Baptist Seminary and The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for persons who teach in Vacation Bible School or Sunday School. Lunch will be provided at no cost.

The host church is New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 5202 Watkins

Drive, Jackson, Jerry Young, pastor. For lunch reservations and other details, please call 944-1741.

The Mississippi Baptist Seminary is a cooperative joint venture of National and Southern Baptists. It is owned and operated by trustees elected by the two denominations in Mississippi. Richard A. Brogan is president and Hickman M. Johnson is Dean of Academic Affairs.

## Physical Lifestyle Banquet will feature Grady Lowry

Grady Lowry is the featured speaker at the second annual Physical Lifestyle Banquet, May 9, at Calvary Church, Tupelo.

The 7 p.m. banquet is open to the public. Tickets (\$3) are available from the Lee County Baptist Association.

Lowry is former director of Southwestern Seminary's Recreation-Aerobic Center and adjunct professor of church recreation. He is the director of the "Wellness Center" at Lufkin

Memorial Hospital, Lufkin, Texas, and private consultant in development recreation-fitness programs. Also, he is a speaker on physical fitness and nutrition, motivation and the spiritual dimension of fitness for the Christian.

Church Training Department is sponsoring the banquet.

Tickets may be reserved by calling the Lee County Baptist Association at 601-842-8164 by Wednesday, May 7.



## Summerwood sets date for dedication

Summerwood Church, 8551 Getwell Road, Olive Branch, will have dedication services, May 4, 2 p.m., for its new sanctuary and education facilities. An open house reception is to follow the service until 5 p.m.

Pictured is the 7,000 square foot facility which houses the sanctuary with a seating capacity of 288, a large choir area, baptistry, modern kitchen, a 20 x 30 foot fellowship area, a preschool suite, rest rooms, and six classrooms upstairs. The building was designed by Ralph Jones Drafting Co., and the firm of Smith-Doyle-Winters served as contractor. Cost of the building was approximately \$300,000.

Earl Kelly, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, will bring the dedication message. Armond Taylor is pastor.



# Faces And Places

by anne washburn mc williams

## The ABCs of Munich

Alps I flew over from Rome into Bavaria reflected from their snows the red-gold rays of the setting sun. Almonds, hot roasted, dipped in sugar, will always remind me of Munich. Their smell of cinnamon tantalized my taste buds. In paper scoops, the hot nuts warmed my hands.

Breakfast at the Liebhart Pension (small bed and breakfast place) meant thin slices of cheese and ham, raspberry jelly, crusty rolls, and hot tea. Morning light shone through white lace curtains, past dried flowers on a marble windowsill. The pension's cost was only 90 marks a day for two (at 2.5 marks to the dollar).

Cold air and left-over drifts of snow, after a week or two in the tropics, had given me a cough and a drippy nose (but nothing that taking four kinds of medicine in one night would not cure).

Drink *Speishe*, the Germans say. It tastes like Coke flavored with lemon, and feels good to a scratchy throat.

English-speaking people attend the International Baptist Church in Munich. Allen Webb is volunteer pastor there now, for a year, while Kenneth and Beth Glenn, Southern Baptist missionaries, are on furlough. He and his wife, Leila Mae, have been my friends a long time—while he was director of missions in Jackson County and before that, he was my pastor for ten years at Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson. Hence, my weekend in Germany.

Family is an important word with the Webbs. Their son, Jim, and his wife, Margaret, with their two daughters, Carley and Leslie, had just arrived for a Christmas visit. They live at Country Place between Pearl and Brandon, and go to Crossgates Baptist Church. The Webbs' son, Ron, lives in Ocean Springs, and their daughter, Ann, lives in Birmingham.

Germans—only a few—attend the International Church. One of them, an 85-year-old man, told Dr. Webb, "I don't go to sleep in your church." (Perhaps he does his sleeping during siesta every day, when shops and banks close from 1 to 3.) He said that if he dies this year he wants Dr. Webb to preach his funeral.

House it is called, but actually it's one of a row of six apartments. It's the Glenns' house, but the Webbs are occupying it for this year. Leila Mae gave Joan and me a tour. It's a narrow house, with winding stairs and five levels: basement, office and storage shelves; ground floor, living room, dining room, kitchen; first floor, den and office; second floor, master bedroom, another bedroom, bathroom; attic, two bedrooms. The dog under the coffee table was china. Across the street in back grows a section of woods, tall and thick and no undergrowth, like the Black Forest.

International—the church truly is, with as many as 15 nations usually represented. The Sunday I visited, a Canadian joined by letter, and two

were visiting from South Africa. Those who work or study in Germany, but speak English, may find a church home here.

Jones — Randy and June — are Americans working in Munich (formerly of Birmingham and Fort Walton Beach). He is volunteer minister of music at International Baptist Church.

Kath — Ron and Hazel — Lutherans, were associate members (they participated in the Baptist church but retained their own denominational identity). They have since returned to Atlanta. Hazel speaks German well, and so the Webbs used her a lot as interpreter.

Lights of Christmas twinkled on the tree in the square below the Glockenspiel and in the booths set up there, filled with ornaments of straw, porcelain, and carved wood.

Military personnel — quite a few — attend the International Church.

Needs of the church: Dr. Webb cited two particular ones. (1) Greater commitment to the Lord on the part of ones who are there, because so many stay only a short time. (2) A church building. The congregation meets in a German evangelical church downtown, and meets after the German-speaking congregation has completed its morning service. Since parking space is scarce downtown on Sunday nights, the night services are held on the American airbase. It takes a long time for people to check through security, so not many will go to the night service. Thursday night prayer service is also within the security area.

Opera singer, Victoria Wheeler, another of the church members, was one of the group who lunched downtown after church. I ordered wieners, sausages, and sauerkraut.

Perlacher Chapel is sometimes used for Sunday night services. It's a military chapel not in the security area. I heard carol singing there, and Dr. Webb preached a good sermon he called, "Jesus Wept" — on Jesus' compassion for the world.

Quiet was the rest time Joan and I enjoyed early Sunday morning. And then we heard the church bells ringing.

Roses, a sort of golden peach in color, were the gift Leila Mae and Leslie presented as a welcome to us at the airport. If you visit someone in Germany, you carry a gift of flowers to your hostess, but you don't carry red roses unless you are declaring to her that you are in love with her.

Sunday School began at 11:15. Twelve women were in the class I visited. Stollen is the German fruitcake Leila Mae served in late afternoon, dipped in powdered sugar.

Time for the preaching service came at 12:30. This did not take place in the sanctuary at the rear of the courtyard, but in a smaller assembly room because, they said, acoustics are better there. Dr. Webb had invited



Allen Webb, left, addresses the congregation of International Baptist Church, Munich. Randy Jones, right, is volunteer music minister at the church.



International Baptist Church, Munich, meets in this section of the German Evangelical Church. Windows of the main sanctuary are visible in the upper right corner. Margaret Stauter (pictured in foreground with her daughter) and her husband, Rick, moved to Munich last fall. They are from Moss Point, Miss.



Allen and Leila Mae Webb, Pascagoula, center, arrive at the German Evangelical Church in downtown Munich, as the German-speaking congregation is leaving. Webb is volunteer

pastor of the English-speaking International Baptist Church which meets here. With the Webbs are a visitor, Joan Peterson, and two of their granddaughters, Leslie and Carley Webb.

a chaplain, John Bauer, to preach.

University students are a part of the congregation. A couple from the University of Munich brought their letters that day, along with the Canadian.

Vans are often used by missionaries; the Webbs are driving one the Glenns had been using.

White feather-filled comforters

made nights in the pension cozy, even on cold nights.

Xeroxed materials may be distributed in Sunday School or preaching. But since the English-speaking Baptists are using space in the German-speaking church, they must remove everything — all teaching materials, quarterlies, and records, and take them away weekly.

Yoked with the German Baptist Union are Southern Baptist missionaries who work among English-speaking people as fraternal representatives. (Since 1984, two missionary couples have also been working with German-language churches.)

Zip code is a part of the Webbs' address: Fohrenweg 11, 8000 Munich 90, Germany, until July 12.

## Johnston Station exceeds goal

Johnston Station Church near Summit has given \$1,570 to the Annie Armstrong Offering this year. The church goal was \$1,000. "God has been so good to us at our small church," states Mrs. Harrell A. McClelland.

## Off the Record

A mother mouse was taking her babies for a walk when a cat suddenly appeared. The young ones were petrified, but the mother mouse huddled them behind her and then started to bark with a loud "Arf! Arf!" The cat immediately took off. Then the mother mouse turned to her offspring and said, "Now, children, that will teach you the value of a second language." — Modern Maturity.

## Bible put in strange tongues

NEW YORK, NY (ABS) — Gumatj, Isekiri, Waskia, Musey, and Ruhaya. Words that may sound strange to most Americans. Yet each is the name of someone's everyday language into which a part of the Bible was translated for the first time recently, with help from the American Bible Society and its partners.

Only 500 people, aborigines who live in an inaccessible region of northeastern Australia, speak Gumatj. Yet in all likelihood they speak no other language, and it is the policy of the Bible Societies that the Word of God must be made available to everyone in words they can understand. The same may be said of the Isekiris in Nigeria, who got their first New Testament at a ceremony of dedication recently.

The Waskias can be found in a remote part of Papua New Guinea, and now they are happy to have not only the New Testament but also the books of Genesis and Proverbs, and some of the Psalms.

The Museys of Chad, in Africa, will in time have the New Testament but now they do have the Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts, both just published in a single volume, while the Ruhaya-speakers of Tanzania, possibly one million of them, have the books of Amos and Hosea.

ABS and its partner Bible Societies currently have translations underway in 544 languages.

# 'At Mississippi College, they mean business'

By Tim Nicholas

During the general chaos of registration at Mississippi College, Charles Martin, vice president for academic affairs, received a message that a new student's father was trying frantically to call him.

The father had heard that his daughter was being admitted to MC on probation. Yes, said Martin, to the father, but only because she had been on probation at the school from which she was transferring.

"But," interjected the still frantic father, "here they mean business."

Martin, who serves as chief academic officer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention-owned institution, notes, "I think people ought to have the attitude that at MC we mean business."

Apparently, the students agree. A recent study by UCLA and the American Council on Education found that in 1981, 84 percent of MC students rated the good academic reputation of MC as very important in selecting the college. But the most important single influence given for attending was MC's Christian environment.

"The Christian atmosphere at MC gives a feeling that makes almost everybody welcome and feel at home," says Art Stevens of Heflin, Ala., who is student body president. "Beyond that, in the educational aspect," he adds, "I don't think anywhere in the world you can get the

personal attention from the professors. That's something special. Their doors are always open." Stevens, whose great-grandfather, D. M. Nelson, was president of MC, and whose grandfather, D.M. Nelson Jr. of Alabama, suggested he try the school, said he knew when he came for a prospect weekend that he could fit in at MC.

Norman Gough knew, too, that there was something special about MC when he got off the bus. Except when he got off the bus, he wasn't on his way to MC. His older brother had graduated from Millsaps College in Jackson and Norman was headed there from Vicksburg to go to school. The Trailways bus stopped by MC and Norman could see that homecoming festivities were underway.

Norman's grandfather, for whom he was named, had been a graduate of MC and Norman had never known him because he had died at age 48. Among the class tents set up all over the Clinton campus, was the one for "Class of 1901." Norman got off the bus to ask if anyone knew his grandfather. At the tent he met his grandfather's old friends such as Webb Brame and M.P.L. Berry. "I never made it to Jackson," says Norman, who took an application that day and registered later.

Norman Gough never really left. Not long after graduation he return-

ed and has been 25 years on the staff. As director of public relations, he knows all the stories about MC and must have told them to his family. His wife is a graduate with a degree in interior design, working at McRae's department store as a decorator.

*This is the first in a series on the four institutions which will be recipients of the Mississippi Mission, an endowment campaign designed to raise a total of \$40 million. The four are Mississippi College, William Carey College, Blue Mountain College, and the Baptist Children's Village.*

*From the \$40 million, MC is slated to receive \$20.4 million.*

the individual," then he tells stories of his days as dean at MC. Those were the years of the Great Depression and staying in school was perhaps as difficult as it ever has been.

Swor says a gifted student told him his dream in his freshman year of wanting to be one of America's outstanding surgeons so he could help people regardless of compensation. Swor reminded him that it might take 25 years to become that and the young man said even if it took 30 years, he would do it.

Later, Swor found himself speaking in the same city where that man had set up his practice and the man insisted on giving Swor a complete diagnostic physical. He discovered what Swor called a melanoma mole on his chest, which "can send its roots into the abdomen and you're gone before you know it," he says. The doctor did the surgical excision and while waiting in the doctors' lounge Swor spoke with some of the man's fellow surgeons. Those associates said the man was one of the youngest ever admitted to the American Board of Surgeons and that he had done multiplied thousands of dollars worth of surgery for free the year before, "exactly 30 years after he had told me his dream."

Swor also recalls a premedical student who was ready to quit school with an offer of a job in a store. The man

drove Swor from Jackson to Raleigh, N.C., once and Swor then and later "kept saying if you have faith and courage to go (to dental school at Baylor) God will meet you (there)." The man finished school, graduated at the head of his dental class and is now a prominent dentist.

Now a number of those people who received help while at MC are returning it to the new generation of students. Rory Lee, vice president for development, says a woman who went to the college recently gave a substantial check in her husband's honor on their wedding anniversary. The money is designated for a student working his or her way through school and majoring in business which was her husband's major.

The first student to receive money from the gift, "wrote her and expressed appreciation for the scholarship," says Lee, "and pledged to do the same thing when he got out of school."

This kind of multiplication of giving is why the endowment campaign is so important to an institution like MC, according to Lee. "We want to be able to provide the best education possible for us to provide. If the funds weren't there that we need for the college, then we can't do the best job for the students there."

Mississippi College President Lewis Nobles sees four categories of income  
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## Devotional

### How do you draw a circle?

By Marcus Finch

"Jerry," said the teacher, "step to the blackboard, please and draw a circle." So Jerry goes to the board and starts a circular line which he finally makes come out where it started. It looks more like he had drawn a football than a circle. He steps back, looks at his drawing, and thoughtfully says, "Teacher, when you draw a circle, you gotta have a center first." How true. You don't start at the circumference. You start at the center.

Isn't there a parable here? Aren't we, too often, trying to live on the circumference without knowing where the center is to be? One of life's questions is — finding out what is in life that will make a dependable center for life. With Jerry we can say, "To live a meaningful life, you have to have a center."

**Finch** This message that the Christian has for the world is of supreme importance here. There is only one center of the circle of life. Like any true circle the center comes first. We do not arbitrarily choose it. It is already there. His name is Jesus. "He is the way, the truth and the life." He is life's center. It isn't a matter of searching for the center of life until you find it. It is rather a matter of searching until you realize that in your own strength and wisdom you cannot find it. Then he finds you, and says, "I am come that you might have life and that more abundantly. I am the resurrection and the life, he that believes in me shall never die. I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me."

How do you draw a circle?

Marcus Finch is pastor, Oakland Heights, Meridian.

### Grant, Harris, Patti get top honors at Dove Awards

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Amy Grant, Larnelle Harris, and Sandi Patti received top honors at the Gospel Music Association's Dove Awards presentation, held April 10 in Nashville.

Grant was named "Entertainer of the Year." Her album "Unguarded," which represented a cross-over to secular pop audiences, was also honored for best album design.

Larnelle Harris was named "Best Male Vocalist" for his album "I've Just Seen Jesus." Sandi Patti was named "Best Female Vocalist" for her album, "Hymns Just For You." This is the fifth consecutive time Patti has won top honors as a female vocalist.

The "Song of the Year" was "Via Dolorosa," which was recently popularized by Patti. Songwriter of the year was Gloria Gaither.

### Intensive care



**Drugs are just as deadly as a loaded gun.  
Don't take chances with your life**

### "Hitting bottom"

**QUESTION:** What does "hitting bottom" mean for an alcoholic or a drug addict?

**ANSWER:** If this question had been asked before I got into the field of addiction, I would have answered differently. I would have said that the problems of the addict were physically debilitating as for the diabetic who develops hardening of the arteries, becomes partially blind, has kidney problems, and gets abscesses. However, since coming into the addiction field, I now believe that "hitting bottom" does not come with the suffering of all physical consequences that may occur. Rather, the person can reach a point of desperation when many things happen: a person loses his job, his family; he is either on the

verge of divorce or he has been divorced; the children will have nothing to do with him; and he has come upon health problems. Basically, the same thing can be said about the drug addict as the alcoholic.

Inquiries should be addressed to Intensive Care, Baptist Record, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

### British Baptist Union grows

LONDON, England (EP) — Membership in the British Baptist Union rose in 1984 for the first time in 60 years. The denomination's 1,900 congregations grew to about 154,300 members, an increase of about 2,000.

## "I believe in continuing education"



David Norris has earned the Seminary External Education Division's Advanced Diploma. His wife, Jettie, has earned the Diploma in Educational Ministries.

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

David Norris began work last fall as one of three Continuing Education Specialists. Pastor of Wayside Church, Scobey, in Yalobusha County, he covers the northern part of the state. The others, Levon Moore, Kosciusko, and W. D. Kirk, Simpson County, cover the central and southern portions.

Their work is under direction of Hollis Bryant, consultant, Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

"I believe in continuing education," says Norris. "When formal education ends, real education begins." His aim is to help set up seminary extension centers in new places, in the 23 associations of his territory, and to encourage those who already have the centers to keep going.

He is trying to sell others on the idea, because this type of continuing education has met his own needs. Norris has earned the Seminary External Education Division's Advanced Diploma, which requires 32 courses. His wife, Jettie, has received the Diploma in Educational Ministries, which requires 16 courses. Also she has taken nine additional courses.

His interest in this, he recalls, was kindled in 1973, during a Northeast Pastors' Conference held at Wall Doxey Park. Then he was pastor at Hollywood Church, Sledge, and had been graduated the preceding year from Blue Mountain College. He heard some of the men at the conference talking about the values of seminary extension and decided that was exactly what he needed. Not only could he continue in his pastorate and not have to move, but he could also let his two boys stay at the junior high school where they were enrolled. (Now Anthony is in dental school in Jackson and Brendan, graduate of Itawamba Junior College and married to Pam Barrett, a draftsman for an engineering firm in Tupelo.) He wanted his seminary work to be Southern Baptist-related. This would be true of Seminary Extension.

As a result of Norris' decision, the northeast pastors sponsored a Seminary Extension Center at Marks in Quitman County. Norris started and directed it, and also studied in it, for five years.

When he accepted the pastorate of Bethel Church, Woodland, and moved to Chickasaw County, he started and directed a seminary extension center at Houston. This Chickasaw Bi-

with master's degrees. Pastors and/or laypeople may attend.

"I believe in continuing education, not only for myself, but for my church members," says Norris. Study course records in Wayside Church prove this. Last church year, 43 Wayside members took 110 study courses. Last year all six active deacons of the Wayside Church earned deacon diplomas. Some of the Wayside members have taken seminary extension courses as well.

Jettie Norris believes in continuing education, too. "I could never have done this without her," says her husband. "She not only approved my continual studying, but she also wanted to study." Besides seminary extension, both have taken so many church study courses they've lost count.

The two were married in 1955. They met when Norris, a Saltillo native, went to visit an uncle at Dorsey near Mantachie and met Jettie Loden during a revival meeting. For the past 13 years they have been going to school together on Tuesday nights from 7 to 9. At Wayside, one of her jobs is the church bulletin.

He said he remembers the bend in the road where he was standing when God called him to preach. That was for him a profound spiritual experience. While in the army, he was pastor of a mission at Crosby, Texas. Then he served Union, Plantersville, and New Hope, Tupelo, before going to Hollywood, Sledge.

As Continuing Education Specialists, he and Moore and Kirk are also contact persons for Doctor of Ministries candidates and for those who wish to enroll in Associate of Divinity degree programs.

By this fall, Norris plans to visit all of his 26 counties — pushing the idea of continuing education.

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# Letters to the Editor

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## On segregation

Editor:

I was so happy to read, in the Feb. 6 paper, letters condemning the racist attitude of an earlier writer. The day I read the earlier letter was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. That day, in my New Testament survey class, I'd read from his "I have a dream" speech and told the students how God had changed my racist attitudes through the study of his Word. To read such a letter was to be reminded that racism is still rampant in Baptist ranks.

That racism is rampant in Baptist ranks is a great sin; that we have done so little about it is the greater sin. Dr. King, early in the civil rights struggle, said that "the ultimate tragedy of Birmingham was not the brutality of the bad people, but the silence of the good people." (Why We Can't Wait, p. 43) That silence blared forth from white Baptist churches, and still does. How was I so long able to be racist and a Christian at the same time? I think for the same reason that so many are able to do so today: my views were reinforced everywhere I went, even in the church, from the pulpit. No one challenged me to see if my views were really biblical. Where are those who will challenge people not to displace, with racist tradition, Jesus' teachings to "love your neighbor as you love yourself," and "in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you"?

In the Feb. 6 paper, you said studies about church growth demonstrated that "we are more comfortable with our own kind," and then asked "but should this be the case in our Christian experience?" The answer is found in the New Testament, which describes the early church struggling to overcome racial, economic, social, and sexual differences to become God's community in a pagan world which emphasized these very differences as its lines of division.

If we must emphasize these class (homogeneous) differences in order to grow a church quickly, we'll be sacrificing body quality (based on the teachings of God) for body quantity (based on the traditions of men).

Walter Brown Th.D.  
Assistant Professor  
of Religion  
William Carey College  
on the Coast

## Unity in diversity

Editor:

Once more time is near for our annual SBC meeting. It is obvious from the amount of press coverage given to the long standing differences between two factions within the denomination. In a recent issue of the Clarion-Ledger there was a section titled, "Baptists Move to Mend Breach." The article

closely paralleled the one in the March 13 issue of the Baptist Record titled, "Peace Committee Adopts Statement on Diversity." Entirely too much is made of the issue in both the secular and religious press. There is good reason to believe that most of our laity consider the issue a bad dream that surely will soon go away. Likewise, the controversy provides reason for the lost to reject salvation through Jesus Christ because of our eternal bickering. Our witness is weakened both at home and abroad.

Baptists have historically held as fundamental to our faith the doctrine of competency of the soul to interpret the Scripture. Yet, there has never been a time when each and every member of the SBC interpreted all verses exactly the same. Furthermore, our present church polity guarantees the autonomy of the local church. Participating churches in our state and Southern Baptist Convention all have some differences.

Even though we are a diverse people we can find great strength in this diversity. There is unity in this diversity for missions, both home and foreign, that is without parallel. Many believe that the responsibility for world evangelization today rests with Southern Baptists; yet, we weaken our witness through publishing difference. It is only when we show respect and love for our brothers in Christ that we, as a denomination, begin to reap the harvest.

The diversity has always been with us, and will always be. If Baptists become a creedal people, if we lose our local autonomy, if we are all forced to rely upon one human being to interpret the Scripture for us, then we lose our diversity and, I fear, what unity that remains.

Speaking as a layperson, I fear that we, as a people, are being forced in a direction that may lead to the demise of Southern Baptists.

Marvin P. Bond  
Starkville

## Lack of experience

Editor:

I am writing to voice my concern about a situation that has disturbed me for quite some time. I have been seeking God's Will and leadership in my life. I am a Southern Baptist minister, a student at seminary who will finish this year, and am seeking God for a leadership position. I know God has called me into the ministry.

Recently, I have had meetings with search committees at churches that have received my resume. Some, not all of them, would tell me that they felt they needed a more experienced minister. Some said they would not consider a single person for the position. My question was and still is, how can churches turn a person down because he is not married and because he has lack of experience? I personally feel disappointed in churches today because they feel before you can become a minister in their churches, you have to have a ring on your finger and plenty of experience before they will even consider you.

I have worked for the past six years, giving my time working in a number of positions in churches in both Mississippi and Louisiana. I am trained in a field in which I am able

to perform well. Recently, a church committee felt I was too young, not married, and not enough experience. My next question was, how old do you have to be, and how am I ever going to get experience if no one will allow me the opportunity to get some? If Jesus or Paul who were young, not married, and not really a whole lot of experience, would apply for these same positions today, would they also be turned away for these reasons? They would.

I cannot support a wife at this time is one reason I am not married at present, and as far as experience, I feel I have adequate experience and training. I feel this is discriminating not only to me but to others who are in the same position I am in. I feel God is going to hold many churches responsible for this type of decision making. I just want to serve God the best way I know how, and follow His leadership. What are single ministers and pastors suppose to do in this type of situation? No one seems to want a single minister.

Kelly Travis  
Poplarville

## Change in attitude

Editor:

So often things go wrong within the church and the pastor readily gets the blame. What a pity people can shout their disapproval of him, yet often keep closed mouths when praises should be shouted in his favor! We, the folks at Bond, would like for you to print our shouts of praise for our pastor!

The Lord has been abundantly good to our church, especially during the past six to eight months. However, it should be stated that it could not have happened without the "change in attitude" within our church body. Individuals and small groups were continually pulling against one another instead of seeking unity and spiritual harmony.

What happened to bring about such a change? About this time last year the Lord directed Bro. John Wade to our church as pastor. This energetic, spiritually dynamic pastor began to slowly examine the needs of our church and its people. He, along with his lovely wife, Marcella, began to teach us our responsibilities as Christians—both inside and outside the church. Sibling rivalries, jealous greed, and long-held grudges began to vanish right before our eyes.

God can, and does, work wonders within our churches; but he needs a ready and willing people before his Will can be done. As a church body, it is all important that each member realizes his/her responsibilities and how they should be carried out. God never intended for the pastor of a church to do everything. Each member is a minister and should act accordingly. Much can be accomplished by uniting and sharing in the responsibilities of the church, therefore allowing many blessings to be received by all.

I'm certain there are many churches where members have experienced a similar change in attitude. But, as for us, we are thankful to God that he sent us such a loving and teaching couple as Bro. John and Miss Marcella. Their love and unending dedication for the Lord has provided us with a renewed interest in the

governing body of our church and the spiritual love among its members.

Nancy Ball, church secretary  
Bond Church  
Bond

## Fortunate knowledge

Editor:

Halley's Comet came within 39,000,000 miles of our Earth. We saw the bright comet and its blazing tail with our unaided eyes. Another 75 years will pass before the orbiting comet can be viewed again from Earth!

Somewhere out there "in the heavens" is the spiritual world of Jehovah God. We read in the Holy Bible how God created (designed with a high level of intelligence) the heavens and the Earth.

Things in space follow an orderly pattern. Our space scientists are familiar with the orbits around the sun made by Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, etc. We have sent space "ships" around our earth and even landed Americans on earth's moon! Our probe of outer space is only a "drop in the bucket" of the vastness of the heavens.

Jehovah God rules the physical and spiritual worlds. God is a Spirit — God is love. Man is a creature created by an all-powerful supreme being (God). It's all explained in the Bible, man's oldest historic documents.

Are not we fortunate to know about, have available, and to be able to read THE BIBLE?

Robert S. Leigh  
Jackson

## Scheduling problems

Editor:

Some seven years ago our leaders at the Home Mission Board Evangelism section and at the Sunday School Board started work on Good News America — God Loves You Revivals. The revival dates were established more than three years ago. These leaders began urging the state association, and local church leaders to clear their calendars for a month prior to revival week . . . but especially during revival week. It was strongly emphasized that if we Southern Baptists are to have an impact on winning this nation to Christ the GNA revivals would have to be unified effort throughout the country.

So, what does our Mississippi State Convention leaders do? They schedule all the county directors of missions, their staffs, and their secretaries to come to Jackson Wednesday and Thursday, April 9 and 10, right in the middle of revival week for all of South Mississippi churches and right in the middle of preparation week for North Mississippi churches for their bi-annual meeting.

All 82 counties had key people from their local churches summoned to forget the revival and come to Jackson for "business as usual."

Norris Faggard  
Deacon FBC, Moss Point  
Jackson Co. Assn. Evangelism  
Committee Chm.

## Sick of sanctimony

Editor:

I have just read your editorial "Lottery Finally Defeated"; and, even though I am a Baptist, I am sick of their sanctimony.

If a church or denomination

chooses to operate like a political machine, all churches should pay taxes on income. My beliefs regarding political matters are my own, and I do not need guidance from those who certainly do not represent a majority of the people. A pastor does not represent his congregation, no matter what his view may be; nor does he have the right to try and change my view.

I would like to see a record published of where the Southern Baptists have money invested. This would surprise a few people.

Clay Crenshaw  
Water Valley

Some very quick research has turned up the facts that Baptists money is invested from three major sources, from a Mississippi perspective. These are the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and the Annuity Board. The Foundation invests the money that is entrusted to it primarily in utility companies. It also invests in petroleum companies and with banks. The proceeds from the investments are used as is directed by those who provide the money for the investments.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board invests Cooperative Program income only when it is impossible to send those funds onto their destination immediately. Rather than let the money lie in the bank over night or over the week end, it is invested on very short terms—over night or over the week end. The proceeds from these investments are put into what is called the fund balance for use in emergencies. The missions money is sent on to its destination in full and with no delay.

The Southern Baptist Annuity Board works somewhat the same as the Foundation. Its purpose is to invest money to be used in the retirement incomes of those who have been participating in its programs. So those who are participating are the ones who have logical concerns about how the money is invested. I talked with an Annuity Board executive and can make a broad statement of the board's investment guidelines. The board does not invest in liquor companies, tobacco companies, motion picture industries, television, or broadcasting directly or with any company that does invest in those kinds of businesses. The board insists on compliance with fair employment practices and will not invest with companies that violate pollution standards or social and health standards. On South African investments, the board insists on compliance with the Sullivan principles, which are contrary to segregation.

Also, we are very cognizant of the policies on lobbying and adhere to them faithfully.—Editor

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# Senior Adult Corner

## Southern Baptist retirees to meet for "days of praise"

DALLAS — Retired ministers and denominational workers will gather at Glorieta and Ridgecrest conference centers for "Days of Praise" at the annual meetings of annuitants sponsored by the SBC Annuity Board.

The Ridgecrest conference is scheduled for May 5-9. The Glorieta conference will be May 19-23.

Activities at each conference include Bible study, prayer sessions,

financial seminars, craft classes and evening worship services.

Carl Bates, retired minister and past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will bring the message during evening worship services at Ridgecrest. Annuity Board president Darold Morgan will lead the Retirees meet for "Days of Praise," add one daily Bible study.

At Glorieta, Claude Cone, executive

director of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico, will teach the Bible study and James Coggin, pastor emeritus of Travis Avenue Church, Fort Worth, will preach.

Cost for the four-day conference is \$104.75 per person, double occupancy. To make reservations, individuals should send a \$17 per person deposit to the conference center they plan to attend.

Ridgecrest's address is Box 128, Ridgecrest, N.C. 28770. The address for Glorieta is Box 8, Glorieta, N.M. 87535.

## Covington-Jeff Davis senior adults tour Bellingrath

Forty-two senior adults of Covington-Jefferson Davis Association recently shared a trip to Mobile and toured the Bellingrath Gardens and Home.

The group met at 7 a.m., boarded a charter bus, and returned at 5:30 p.m. After touring the gardens and

home, the group ate a sack lunch, picnic style.

The Covington-Jefferson Davis Association will host a senior adult covered dish luncheon at the association center June 26. Tom Myers, Prentiss Church, is director of the association senior adult work. Ken Stringer is director of missions.

### Woolmarket tours

The "Young at Hearts" of Woolmarket Church, Biloxi, recently took a one day trip to Bellingrath Gardens in Mobile. M. L. Faler is pastor.

**Worry about the future doesn't improve the future — it only ruins the present — "Country Parson"**

There is no education in the second kick of a mule.



## Leake County youth choir to go on tour

A Leake County associational youth choir is planning a tour to Nashville, Tenn., May 26-31, with concerts in Oxford, Columbia and Jackson, Tenn., and Tuscaloosa, Ala. The final concert will be Sunday, June 1, in the city coliseum in Carthage.

The music to be presented on tour is "Forever" by David Clydesdale. Eighty youths are signed up to travel. The choir has grown over the past several years from 35 in 1983 from five churches, to 75 on tour in 1985.

## -Names in the News-

James Hillman, a graduate of Jones Junior College and of Mississippi College, died April 2 at age 64, in Knoxville, Tenn. Hillman, also a graduate of Southern Seminary, had been a pastor of several churches in Kentucky and had been a faculty member of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and of Gardner-Webb College in Boiling Springs, N.C.

Bill E. Spencer, 43, minister of music at First Church, Collinsville, Tenn., died of a heart attack April 23. He had been minister of music at First Church, Magnolia, Miss. He is survived by his wife Cecile Reeves Spencer whose hometown is Summit; and two sons, Timothy, 18, and Barry, 13.

Mrs. Sharon McQueen, Mrs. Louise Douglas, and Mrs. Debra Boyd, of Woolmarket Church, Biloxi, were

voted Baptist Women of the Quarter for the Oct. - Dec. quarter. The Baptist Women organization will be voting at the next meeting for the Jan. - Mar. quarter, and will make plans to minister at the Biloxi Women's Shelter for Battered Wives. M. L. Faler is pastor.

Debbie Harrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Harrell, Jr. of Columbia, Miss., was appointed a 1986 student summer missionary to Guadeloupe. Harrell, who attends Louisiana College, was appointed by the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

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## Kitchings chairs Stewardship group

Six Stewardship Commission trustees were elected officers at their annual meeting held recently in Birmingham. Pictured seated from left: James O. Dorriety, vice-chairman, Blakely, Ga.; Roland Wilson, chairman, Naperville, Ill.; and Dan T. Stowe, secretary, Mechanicsburg, Ohio. Standing from left: Billy T.

Hargrove, committee chairman, Jefferson City, Mo.; Levi Parish, Jr., committee chairman, Burton, Mich.; A. R. Fagan, president, Stewardship Commission; and Harold T. Kitchings, (who is director of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation) Committee chairman, for Stewardship Development, Jackson, Miss.

## Mississippi Baptist activities

May 4	Senior Adult Day (CT Emphasis)
May 4-11	Christian Home Week (CT/SS/CAC Emphasis)
May 5	WMU Special Day and Edwina Robinson Offering (WMU Emphasis)
	"How to Use & Administer BTN in Your Church" Conference; Harrisburg BC, Tupelo; 7:00-8:30 p.m. (DBS)
May 6	Key Leader Seminar; Baptist Building; 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (WMU)
	"How to Use & Administer BTN in Your Church" Conference; FBC, Columbus; 7:00-8:30 p.m. (DBS)
May 9-10	Chaplains Retreat; Gulfshore Assembly; 5 p.m., 9th-3 p.m., 10th (CoMi)

## Missionary News

Edd and Freda Trott, missionaries to Brazil, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Caixa Postal 121, 58.100 Campina Grande, BP, Brazil).

Mrs. Thelma Greer, mother of Mrs. Steven P. Hicks, Baptist representative to Mexico, died March 21 in Poplarville, Miss. Mrs. Hicks is the

former Minnie Greer of Poplarville. She and her husband may be addressed at Apartado 267, Cd. Satelite, Edo de Mexico, 53100 Mexico.

Dorothy Lott, missionary to Brazil, has completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Caixa Postal 35, 74000 Goiana, GO, Brazil). A native of Sumrall, Miss., she was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1964.

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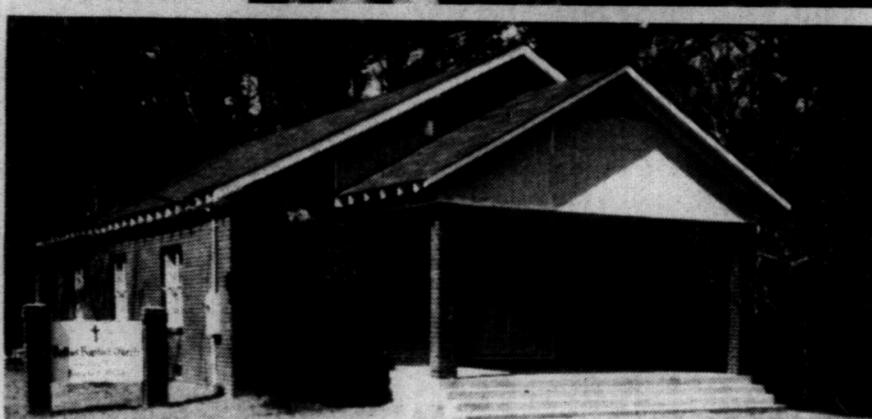
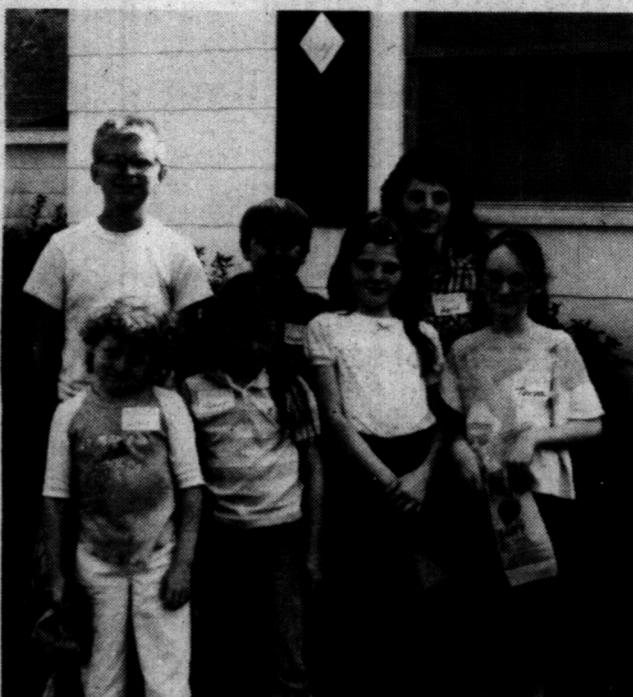
# Just for the Record



Parkway Church, Houston, had ground breaking for its new education building. Pictured are members of the building committee, (l-r) Grady Foster, chairman; Mrs. Joyce Myatt, Auzie Myatt, contractor for the project; Dan Wilemon, pastor; Tommy Kelly, associate pastor; Lynn Johnson, Mrs. Sue King, Conway Nichols, and Loyd Eaton. The new building will have offices for the pastor, associate pastor, and secretary. It will also include new Sunday School rooms and bathroom facilities. The building will have about 3,500 square feet. The pastor states, "The people at Parkway are excited about this project. We are praying that we will be able to have dedication services for this building by the latter part of June or the first of July. We give the Lord the glory for all that he is doing."

**Jones County Junior College BSU**  
students raised funds and purchased clothing for 16 grammar school students each at Christmas and Easter.

Pictured are seven of the children that were brought to the BSU Center for a puppet program, an egg hunt and to receive presents. This is one of the many mission projects the BSU students do each year in reaching out to the local community, states John F. Sumner, director.



Bethel Church, Leake County, recently held dedication services. An entrance porch was added and the entire building brick-veneered. Speaker for the day was Marzine Odom, son of the first pastor of the church. Lamar Burkes is pastor.

## Revivals:



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**Slayden (Marshall):** revival held, Apr. 27-30; Donnie Stewart, First, Holly Springs, guest speaker; Robert Williams, First, Holly Springs, music; Lee Castle, pastor.

Applause is the spur of noble minds, the end and aim of weak ones. — Colton

**Johns (Rankin):** Apr. 29-May 4; 7:30 nightly; Douglas Broome, Pine Haven, Brookhaven, evangelist; Eric McNair, McLaurin Heights, Pearl, music; Troy Grubbs, pastor.

**Emmanuel, Sagamore and Daniel Jackson:** May 3 and 4; Sat., 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; with Johnny Welborn and his group singers.

**Briarwood, Meridian:** May 4-7; Sunday, 10:45 a.m.; 7 each night; Joe Blackwell, Kosciusko, evangelist; Brad Johnson, Laurel, music; Thomas J. Wood, pastor.

**Chunky, Chunky:** May 4-8; 7:30 p.m. nightly; Jon Doler, pastor, First Raleigh, preaching; Bradley Jones, music; Wayne Campbell, pastor.



H. C. Smart, retired, was recently honored by Concord Church, Booneville, upon completing 38 years in the ministry. He was presented a gold plaque, and several fellow church members gave brief testimonies of tribute. Smart and his wife, Ruby, live in Jumpton, and are the parents of eight children. Pictured is Ted Ledbetter, (right), chairman of deacons, presenting the plaque to Smart.



West Ripley Church, Ripley, held a dedication service and open house for the recently constructed Family Life Building.

The building contains classrooms, bathrooms, kitchen, fellowship hall, storage space, and recreational space. Also, there is upstairs space for future development.

The estimated value of the building is about \$80,000. The actual cost is approximately \$55,000. All of the inside structure was done by volunteers from the church. Presently, the indebtedness is less than \$35,000.

The building committee members were: Milton Wilbanks, chairman; Earl Huitt; Jackie Glidewell; Gerald Taylor; and Jonny O'Leary. Billy W. Baker is pastor.

## Annuity Board president urges support of committee's proposal

Dallas — Annuity Board president Darold Morgan is calling on members of Southern Baptist retirement plans to contact their senators, urging support of a Senate Finance Committee proposal to retain present rules relating to 403(b) tax-sheltered annuities.

The rules, which would be included in the tax reform bill now being

studied by the Senate, directly affect the retirement plans for Southern Baptist ministers and denominational employees administered by the board.

The proposal removes the \$7,000 cap on 403(b) annuities, reverses the rule that would include IRA contributions in the \$7,000 cap, and eliminates the 15 percent penalty on withdrawals from 403(b) plans prior to age 59½.

## Golden Gate adopts budget

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP) — Trustees of Golden Gate Seminary here, adopted a \$5.2 million budget for 1986-87 and heard from leaders of the

seminary's presidential search committee during their spring meeting.

The new \$5,239,961 budget includes a slight increase in faculty and full-time staff salaries, with Cooperative Program funds from churches providing basic funding. For 1986-87, Cooperative Program giving should amount to \$2,482,206, representing 47 percent of the budget. In addition, an annual fund goal of \$813,000 was set. The balance of budgeted funds is to come from auxiliary revenues.



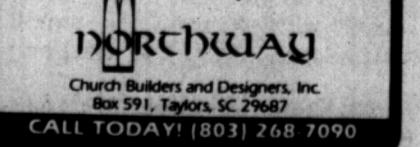
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## Gifts of Honor and Memory

A portion of The Village View is allocated each month to a listing of Gifts of Honor and Memory. Many groups and individuals elect to pay tribute to others through this sensitive, meaningful and helpful medium. This feature is hopefully designed to further honor, with taste and respect, those who are and have been special to our special friends.

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1. Prayed for God's direction in ministering to dependent children, (between 500-600 in a year) and their families to whom we are assigned stewardship responsibilities.
2. Mailed a **PERSONALIZED LETTER TO EACH PASTOR** alerting him to watch for printed materials from The Village.
3. Set (with consultation and approval of Trustees) a **MINIMUM GOAL** of \$280,000.00 for the **MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING**.
4. Mailed a letter, brochures, an order blank, a correspondence piece and individual offering envelopes to every **PASTOR** and **SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR** in the state.

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1. Pray for spiritual wisdom for "Mississippi's Largest Family."
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4. Request more materials as needed.
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## Our families

By Peter McLeod

Colossians 3:18-21; Titus 2:1-6

I once attended a family and home conference which stressed Christian relationships. For three mornings straight, I had the same taxi driver and on the third occasion he asked what the meeting was all about and why so many people were attending it. When I explained, he responded rather earthly, "Thank God someone is trying to find some answers to the mess we're in!"

Nowhere in our society is there a greater need for a clear-cut, positive witness to our faith than within the family. This is, in essence, what Paul said to the believers at Colossae. "At the heart of life," he states, "there stands the family circle — a circle so large it even includes a man's slaves," for they were considered part of the family. One by one, Paul addresses

himself to each family member and to his/her role of responsibility for maintaining a healthy, Christ-like atmosphere within the home.

### (1) The relationship between husband and wife (vs. 18-19)

To get Paul's full perspective on this point, it is necessary that we tie these verses to his statement in Eph. 5:21-23, for it is here (v. 21) that he gives the key, "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ."

The great preacher, Donald Barnhouse, told of a deacon who came to him with a real "problem." He loved his wife too much! When pressed to explain, he said he was always buying her gifts and doing things for her just because he loved her so much. Barnhouse then asked the man if he'd "died for her yet?" Puzzled, the man said, "No," but asked for further explanation. The pastor then turned to Eph. 5:25 which states, "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her." Then he said to the deacon, "Un-

til you've come up to that standard, you can never love your wife enough!"

His insight is something we might all consider more prayerfully. Too often, we "pick and choose" scriptures and principles which reflect our biases, but when relationships are placed on the level of mutual submission — giving all of oneself to the other — then true love, growth, meaning and fulfillment can be found within a marriage.

### (2) The relationship between parent and child (vs. 20-21)

Those of us who struggled through and survived the '60s and '70s as parents, well understand the need for guidance and authority for our children. The once popular cry of "let your child determine his behavior, let him be free to grow," has long since been replaced by a call for parental authority and discipline — not of the "spare the rod" philosophy, but for loving, firm and consistent rules for living which make for a happier household. Discipline is meted out in

proportion to the problem and parents are no longer slaves to a child's whims and selfish demands.

Paul called for this common sense approach to parenting in these verses. His concept of childhood, however, did not end at age 12, but extended for whatever period of time a child remained dependent on his parents to meet his daily needs. Children were expected to be obedient and parents were expected to be parents. How often, in today's world, do we see parents relinquishing that role by allowing children to determine that they will not longer attend church. Yet that same parent would never consider allowing the child to miss school or a music lesson. Paul's call for obedience and for parental leadership needs to be heeded.

But he tempers a parent's urge for control by calling on fathers not to "provoke your children to anger" (v. 21). How many young people have you known who have been so burdened by

their failure to meet parental expectations that they cut all ties as soon as possible or, in some cases, commit suicide? Paul warns against a demanding attitude which gives little or nothing in the way of loving and kind affirmation to our children.

### (3) The right kinds of role models (Titus 2:1-6)

Paul's call here is that we so emulate Christ that we "grow into" role models which are distinctive. Our oldest son, after observing an elderly couple who were openly expressive of their love for one another, said, "It's great to see smiles and love on the faces of old people instead of the usual sourness and grumpiness that's there." That struck us with force, for we do become in our later years what we have been in our younger ones — and it shows. God help us model the right kinds of Christian attitudes in our relationships to such an extent that our young men and women can see the difference in our faces.

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## The Holy Spirit in Jesus' ministry

By Gus Merritt

Luke 4:14-15; Matthew 12:22-32

Luke's narrative (4:14-15) moves from the temptations of Jesus in the wilderness to the Galilean ministry without mentioning the time lapse between the two. Luke follows Mark's outline. Only John deals with the year of obscurity or interval between the temptations with the Galilean ministry.

Three things are noted by Luke in these two verses concerning the Galilean ministry. (1) The power of the Spirit. (2) The rapid spread of Jesus' notoriety. (3) Jesus' use of the Jewish synagogue. It is the custom of Luke to emphasize the power of the Spirit of Jesus' ministry.

The word translated "power" in verse 14 is the same word from which we get our word "dynamite." This is

great power! Jesus was also "glorified by all" (4:15). The people had not heard anyone teach with such authority as Jesus taught. In the power of the Spirit, we can speak the truth with authority as did Jesus.

The triumph of Jesus over Satan in the temptations in the wilderness was but one in many conflicts with Satan by Jesus as we shall see in the text of Matthew 12:22-32. In Matthew 12:26, 28, the verb is a timeless aorist passive showing a deathless struggle with Satan. Each conflict leaves Jesus the undisputed victor.

Jesus' power over Satan's kingdom is here illustrated in the healing of the one possessed by the demon, blind and dumb. The healing by Jesus was so simple, even though it was a triple healing, the people reacted with such excitement, that the word translated

"were amazed" literally means they were standing outside themselves.

The Pharisees were greatly troubled. They could not deny that a miracle had been performed. The people were recognizing messianic qualities in Jesus by asking, "Is not this the son of David?" In order to try and explain away the miracle, the Pharisees accuse Jesus of having performed the miracle through the power of Beelzebub. The name Beelzebub means "lord of a dwelling" or "lord of the flies" or "lord of dung" or "lord of idolatrous sacrifices." It is apparently a name of reproach (Matthew 12:22-24).

Jesus refutes the Pharisees argument with logic, rhetorical questions, and sarcasm. Jesus' main logical argument was that Satan would not oppose himself. Putting the accusers

name was to be declared there.

4. The period. Nehemiah returned with a third group following Zerubbabel and Ezra. The date was about 444 B.C. How do we go about to do something significant for God like Nehemiah? Three movements are included in our text today.

I. The problem (1:1-3). Nehemiah saw a great need when he learned of the pathetic situation in Judah. He was made aware of this need through believers from Jerusalem (1:2). Nehemiah made it his business to find out special needs with reference to God's work. We are to do the same.

II. The prayer (1:4-11). There are numerous references in this prayer to various Scripture passages. The problem in Judah led Nehemiah first to pray. He prayed on the basis of the word of God (cf. John 15:7). The prayer included the following: A. Adoration (1:5). He recognized the greatness of God. B. Confession (1:6-7a). He got honest with God. C. Thanksgiving (1:5b, 10). He got thankful to God. D. Supplications (1:9, 11). He asked blessings from God. This is a good prayer plan for every believer to follow.

3. The purpose. Two concerns were as follows: A. Jerusalem needed its walls rebuilt (1:3; 2:12). B. Jews were being afflicted and reproached (1:3). Psalm 122 is a classic passage on Jerusalem which says that God's

on the defensive, Jesus asked them by what power their sons cast out demons. The only way the demons could be cast out was by the power of the Holy Spirit. Opposition of the power of the Spirit manifested in miracles performed by Jesus clearly aligned the Pharisees with Satan (12:25-30).

Physical handicaps and demon possession were linked together many times in the New Testament. Demonic power caused malfunction not to help. However, not all physical handicaps were the result of demon possession. Care must be taken today not to assume that physical handicap is the result of demon possession or acts of sin. All disease is indirectly the result of sin. No one should take lightly, however, the power of the satanic kingdom to harm those not committed to Christ. Demonic power and influence is a mystery to most of us here in America. In more pagan societies, demonie powers are more common.

III. The plan (2:1-18). It was four months before God began to answer Nehemiah's prayer (1:1 w/2:1). Nehemiah began to develop a plan to do something significant for God. Praying and planning are not enemies but friends. Nehemiah's four point plan is as follows: A. A request of the king (2:1-8). Nehemiah was a cup bearer which meant that he tasted the king's wine to be sure it was not poisoned. The king had a great trust in him. The king noticed he was sad and inquired of it. Since all orientals were concerned about ancestral tombs and the king was at that time preparing his own burial chamber among the Royal Persian tombs this may have won the king's sympathy (2:3). Nehemiah was granted a leave of absence to go to Judah. Believers must use their influence to do God's work. B. A return to Jerusalem (2:9-11). This involved facing opposition (2:10). C. A review of the ruins of Jerusalem (2:12-16). We must count the cost of discipleship. D. A recommendation to the rulers (2:17-18). He involved others in doing God's work. He recognized the need to take away the reproach from Judah. He knew

As America becomes more pagan, we will see more evil supernatural demonstrations. For the believer, there is to be no fear of satanic power (cf. I John 4:4; 5:17).

One of the most perplexing questions is, "What is the unpardonable sin?" This question arises from what Jesus said in Matthew 12:31-32. Simply stated, the unpardonable sin is attributing the works of the Holy Spirit to Satan. It can also mean attributing the works of Satan to the Holy Spirit. This is a callous disregard for the work of the Holy Spirit. This could well be the sin committed by Ananias and his wife Sapphira as recorded in Acts 5:1-10. The phrase "to lie to" in Acts 5:3 can be translated "falsify." This could mean they said they were led by the Spirit to do what they did. Any accusation involving the work of God must be weighed carefully.

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that the name and character of God were at stake.

Conclusion. When we start observing the needs about us and start praying about our part then God will begin to open doors of opportunity for us to advance his kingdom on earth.

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